REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

SHRI K.R. JAYADEVAPPA (Karnataka): I present the Fifty-first and Fifty second Report (in English and Hindi) of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Science and Technology, Environment and Forests on the Demands for Grants (1997-98) of the Department of Biotechnology and scientific and Industrial Research, respectively.

REPORTS OF THE DEPARTMENT RELATED PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND TOURISM

श्री सुन्दर सिंह भंडारी (राजस्थान): पर्यटन विभाग, नागर विमानन मंत्रालय और जल-भूतल परिवहन मंत्रालय की अनुदान मांगों—(1997-98) के संबंध में विभाग संबंधित परिवहन पर्यटन संबंधी संसदीय स्थायी समिति का 26वां, 27वां और 28वां प्रतिवेदन (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) प्रस्तुत कर रहा हूं।

RE: DEMAND FOR INTRODUCTION OF WOMEN BILL

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, what about the Women's Bill? Please ask the Government to say something about that.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Nobody is here to say.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: There must be Government, Madam ...(*Interruptions*)....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is a privilege issue. ...(*Interruptions*)....

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Madam, tomorrow is the last day of this Session. You protect us.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I wish I could protect everybody.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: At least they can tell us what they intend to do about the Women's Bill. ...(*Interruptions*)....

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Without there being much noise, let the Minister get up and say something.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: I do not know whether it is due to lethargy or indifference. ...(*Interruptions*)....

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESHWARLU): Madam, this morning, leaders of all parties have met. The hon. Prime Minister has also participated in that discussion and a consensus has been arrived at that the revised version of the Bill will be introduced in this Session.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: In this Session itself?

DR. U. VENKATESWARLU: Yes.

SHRI JOHN. F. FERNANDES (Goa): Madam, the hon. Prime Minister has returned from Maldives where he had gone to attend the SAARC conference. Today we are discussing the working of the Ministry of External Affairs. It will be appropriate if the hon. Prime Minister makes a statement as to what transpired at the SAARC conference.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: This is a very good suggestion. That will be good.

RE: QUESTIONS OF PRIVILEGE

प्रो॰ विजय कुमार मल्होत्रा (दिल्ली): उपसभापति महोदया, मैं इस सदन के समक्ष एक प्रिविलेज का प्रश्न उठा रहा हूं। मिनिस्टर ऑफ पर्सनल जो इस समय शायद प्रधानमंत्री जी हैं उनके विरुद्ध ब्रीच ऑफ प्रिविलेज का सवाल मैं उठाना चाहता हूं। बोफोर्स कांड के बारे में बार-बार कहा गया कि जैसे ही उसकी रिपोर्ट आएगी, वह रिपोर्ट पहले सदन में रखी जाएगी और सदन को पहले जानकारी दी जाएगी। सदन चल रहा है परन्तु